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Recreational reading resources of the Library of the University of California, San Diego, will be tripled as a result of a recent gift, says Melvin J. Voigt, University Librarian.

The San Diego collection, serving the School of Science and Engineering and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, consists almost entirely of scientific material. However, this year a token start has been made in the collection for recent books for general reading.

A gift of \$1,000 to strengthen this collection has been received from Dr. and Mrs. Francis P. Shepard. Dr. Shepard is a Professor of Submarine Geology at the Scripps Institution. In offering the gift, the Shepards asked that it include biography, travel, and fiction, with an emphasis on books that are related to the Pacific.

One of the uses to which the fund will be put will be to help stock the libraries of the Scripps fleet of nine ships. The ships often spend several months at sea. Recreational reading heretofore has consisted mainly of donated books.

Books purchased with the Shepard gift will eventually be added to the Library's general collection Voigt says. "Gifts such as this, as well as gifts of books and book collections, are welcome additions to the Library," Voigt says. "Every great University library is dependent on interested friends for important parts of its collection. The Library here already has the outstanding scientific library in this area. It must also become an outstanding research library in all fields to meet the needs of the University for advanced graduate education and research." He pointed out that the Library will also be available to serious users throughout the San Diego area.